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In a joint communique issued here in Aden between the General Confederation of workers in PDY and the Confederation of Free German Trade Unions (FDGB), the two sides representing the Yemeni and the GDR working class strongly denounced the trade union freedoms suspension and repression of the legitimate officials of the trade union movement and the working class in Reactionary Arab countries.

In the meantime, the two sides confirmed the ceaseless support of the PDY and GDR working class for the national liberation movement in Oman and the Arabian Gulf under the leadership of P.F.L.O.A.G.



Unarmed Children, Women & Aged Citizens Are Mercilessly Shelled by Enemy Force

Baghdad AAPSO Meetings *Mean Further Support To Afro-Asian Peoples' Struggles*

Firm Solidarity Stand of PDY With Peoples of Oman, Gulf Iraq

On the evening of Thursday 13th March, 1974 a huge massive rally was held in front of the headquarters of the National Front Central Committee at Tawahi to express Democratic Yemen's solidarity with the brotherly Iraqi people

EDITORIAL

The slogans of peace, security and stability from the point of view of imperialism has always been the exploitation of the peoples and their chaining with hard and repressive subjugatory laws which realise the dreams of the greedy imperialists. Under these so-called "noble slogans" hundreds of thousands of people were killed and slain in different countries. Violence was always the rule and law of imperialism and world imperialism will continue to preserve this law because in it lies its stay.

The victory of wide countries in the world over the forces of tyranny and aggression and the realisation of justice, peace and progress and prosperity in their countries does not mean the submission of the imperialists to these great victories but these victories increased the fierceness of imperialism which intensified its conspiracies using for that all economic and scientific potentialities realised by for achieving its malicious aims in order to bring back these peoples to their yards.

But the wheel of history does not go backwards and imperialism is not today alone in this world because the forces of socialism and the forces of progress in the world have con-

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in confronting the Iranian aggressions and with the masses of our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf against the Iranian invasion which is being faced by the liberated area of the southern Region of Oman — Dhofar —. This rally comes to affirm the warm combative relations which are developing between the groups of the Arab revolution in this area; the National Front Political Organisation, the Arab Baath Socialist Party and the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. This rally was attended by the Political Bureau and the comrade members of the Central Committee, Comrade Salem Bukair, Secretary of the Union of Democratic Yemeni Youth, comrade Shibly al-Issami, Assistant Secretary General of the Arab Baath Socialist Party and the delegation accompanying him, and some members of the Central Executive Committee of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf as well as members of the Arab and foreign diplomatic missions and representatives of the liberation movement in Aden and mass organisations. The masses raised placards and chanted slogans expressing their solidarity with and support for the Iraqi and Omani peoples and condemning Iranian and Qaboosite reactionary forces.

Comrade Mohamed bin Abilal, member of the Executive Committee delivered the people's Front speech, the following of which is a summary:-

"The masses of the revolution of 9th June, hide every affection and deep admiration for the masses of 14th October revolution

and their pioneer organisation the National Front for their full solidarity and support for the just struggles of our people against the foreign presence and new Iranian invasion of our homeland. American imperialism does not want to see just peace hovering over our homeland and our people enjoy the plentifulness and wealths of their territory and build their prosperous and advanced society.

"Today and after American imperialism had stationed its Zionist base in the body of the Arab homeland through which it exercised types of ugly crimes against the Palestinian people in particular and the Arab people in general, it is now turning towards stationing Iran as a new base for it in the other part of the Arab homeland in order to carry out the same role and implement the American policy in the whole of the Arab homeland.

"Invasion by Iranian reactionaries on Oman is the first introduction and vital one towards a comprehensive invasion of the entire Arabian Gulf and the strengthening of the Iranian country. The ambitions of the political influence over our Shah are not new to us and to the masses of the Arab nation. Only yesterday the Shah occupied our Omani islands and today he invades the liberated areas and the drum still beats there. At this time in which our Palestinian people face liquidatory projects for ending their revolution and at a time in which Iranian reaction is invading the liberated areas of Oman, the Iranian aggressions on the sister Iraqi region increase. These aggressions on Iraq are not separated from the total

plans of American imperialism as the aim behind this had several reasons:-

1) To isolate the Iraqi people and their progressive regime from effective and serious contribution in confronting the Israeli Zionist entity.

2) To isolate Iraq from backing our people in their struggle against the Iranian invaders.

In front of this new invasion on our homeland and in front of the repeated Iranian aggressions on the eastern borders of Iraq, the national interest of the masses of our Arab nation calls upon the Arab countries to wake up and stand to face the new danger threatening them and not to forget that Zionism and its crimes still appear before us. We also appeal to all freedom and peace-loving for-

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Military Report

The forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia continued to launch fierce and courageous attacks on the bases and centres of the colonialist enemy, the Iranian invasion forces and the mercenaries of Qaboos. Our forces are waging battles with the forces of the enemies. The soldiers of the enemies are stricken as a result of the strong and decisive blows rendered by our brave revolutionaries. A British officer and a large number of Iranian soldiers, officers and Qaboos puppets were killed. The forces of the People's Liberation Army issued military communiques from No. 76-74 to 94-74 which are summarized as follows:-

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Iranian Aggressive & Expansionist Policy Extended to Eritria

Information gathered with Eritrean Liberation Front - the People's Liberation forces - that Iran had trained Ethiopian pilots. It has also recently granted Ethiopia fifteen Phantom planes. This was after the visit made by Emperor Haile Selassie to the United States and his interview with President Nixon asking for a lot of developed weapons.

Iran is also training Ethiopian pilots and giving phantom planes to Ethiopia at a time in which the Emperor is concentrating huge forces across the Somali borders and at a time in which he is exercising a war extermination against the revolting Eritrean people. We know that Iranian experts and the Shah's aircraft for Haile Selassie will be used against the Eritrean and Somali peoples and even against the Ethiopian people in order to establish the throne of the Emperor which began to shake.

Iran, which interfered militarily during the recent period against the revolution of Oman and launched during the past week an atrocious and malicious attack on the sister Iraqi region, refrains but to reveal its aggressive nature towards the peoples of area and to complete its plan for arming Ethiopia training its pilots. This is taking place at a time in which the Arab nation is waging its fateful battle against Zionism and imperialism and at a time in which the United States is moving with its Seventh Fleet in the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

The Ethiopian Empire which tried to act the role of a friend by cutting its diplomatic relations - only in shape - with Israel reveals its real face as to represent one of the corners of the triangle hostile to the wishes of the peoples of the area, Israel, Iran and Ethiopia, which protect the interests of imperialism in the area.

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The Eritrean liberation Front — People's Liberation Forces — at a time in which they resent the Iranian interference in Dhofar and the recent Iranian aggressions on the sister Iraqi region, call upon all revolutionary forces to condemn the interference and aggression and

to resent the Iranian stand against the Eritrean revolution by arming Ethiopia. It also demands a united stand against the zone of Israel, Iran and Ethiopia which began to threaten peace, stability and security in the area on the consideration that it is a guard of the imperialist interests.

NEWS BRIEF

The People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf received the following message from the National Union of Bahraini Students, Bombay branch, India, which reads: "Greetings to our Constituent conference which was held in Bombay on 15.3.74 and long live this conference with the power of your triumphant revolution against the reactionaries and Iranian invasion of the liberated area. Victory is for your revolution."

* The Arab Students Federations and Organisations in Kiev in the Soviet Union and the Committee in support of the Revolution in Oman and the Arabian Gulf sent a message of resentment to the National Council in Bahrain on the continued detention of citizen Murad Abdel Wahhab. The message reads: "We ask the National Council in Bahrain to ask the repressive authorities in Bahrain to release citizen Murad Abdel Wahhab. We hold the authority in Bahrain fully responsible for any harm to this citizen and ask it to immediately release him."

* The Qaboos embassy in Kuwait is recalling the Omanis existing there and hold with them lengthy interrogations. The embassy says that it wants to know the circumstances of the Omanis in order to reduce many of the problems suffered by them. But others say the opposite particularly after the arrival of Salem al-Ghazzali at the head of a military delegation to Kuwait secretly. The Kuwait Government refused to receive Qaboos after the Iranian landings in Oman.

To save the face water, the Qaboos Embassy in Kuwait announced that its master will not visit Kuwait.

* The Arabian League did not protest upon the present time against Qaboos's request for Iranian forces in numbers exceeding 11,000 soldiers upon now: The Al-Ahram newspaper of Cairo claimed that the League will interfere to reconcile between Aden and Muscat ignoring as usual the issue of the revolution and the heroic struggle waged by our people for the past nine years and before Democratic Yemen became an independent State.

* One of the Arab countries is backing the Sultanate of treason in Muscat for on 6th March, 1974, a military delegation at top level, visited the Qaboos embassy in that State where it met with the Charge d'Affaires. The authorities tried to enshroud the visit with complete secrecy. Reports were repeated that this Arab country will send peasants to Oman, advisers and experts.

* Militant Saleh Nasser al-Hashar suffered from paralysis in the right hand as a result of the savage torture. Well-informed persons with the conditions of the detainees in Muscat said that the Jordanian intelligence have outraged the modesty of some militants including Saleh in spite of his age which is over fifty years.

* The British authorities in Muscat are ransacking primary, and secondary schools between an interval and another in search for students. The last round by the intelligence was at the school of Saeed bin Sultan (formerly Saidiah) in Muscat. The intelligence alleged that a number of students have suspected activities against the authority.

* The BAC company announced that the puppet government in Muscat will purchase eight aircraft of the "Deavins" type from this company. The cost of this deal is (900,000) sterling and this type of aircraft is used for light attacks and reconnaissance and can carry eight paratroopers with their equipment.

Support With Our People Throughout Iraq

The activities continued during the Week in Solidarity with the struggle of our people which was organised in a number of Arab and foreign outlets.

In Baghdad the National union of Omani Students and the National Union of Bahraini Students organised a week for Solidarity with the People of Oman and the Arabian Gulf during the period 1st to 7th March, Sunday 3rd March was marked for holding a mass symposium in which the P.F.L.O.A.G delegate spoke shedding light on the just struggle waged by our Omani people since the past eight years against occupation and the puppet authority. The Front's delegate also explained the aims of the Iranian invasion and its dimensions and the heroic resistance waged by the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia as well as masses of our people against his invasion which does not aim against the liberated area and repression of the armed revolution only but also as spreading the influence of Iran over Oman in order to turn it into a launching base for launching aggressions on Democratic Yemen. He added that this invasion is a start for enacting the Iranian

expansionist policy declared by the Shah of Iran on several occasions which is based on interference in any area in the Gulf in which Iran feels that the interests of imperialism are threatened with danger or a national regime established. The Iranian aggressions are only a proof of this dangerous policy.

The Front's delegate called upon all progressives in the Arabian Gulf area to unite in one combative front for facing this huge danger. He also called upon the Iraqi people to back up the People's Front and the just struggle of our people.

At the end of symposium the Front's documents and printings were distributed. The symposium received great response as the hall was full up.

In Basrah, a Week for Solidarity with the People of Oman and the Arabian Gulf was held during the period 7th to 15th March. The covered numerous activities including the organisation of a symposium by the Front delegate and the holding of a photographic exhibition as well as showing of the Film "Winds of Freedom" which shows the struggle of our people in the liberated area.

Week Of Solidarity Goes On The Arab World Over

The Confederation of Omani and Arabian Gulf Students in Lebanon and the Committee in Support of the Revolution in Yemen, Oman and the Gulf, organised during the period 8th to 15th March, 1974, a week in Solidarity with the people of Oman and the Arabian Gulf under the slogan (Death and Defeat for the Iranian invaders and Victory for the Revolution in Oman and the Arabian Gulf).

In Syria, the Confederation of Omani and Arabian Gulf Students and Arab students organisations in Damascus and Aleppo organised a day for solidarity with the revolution of our people. The People's Front delegate also delivered a lecture at Damascus University and the Students federation centre in Aleppo under the title "The Iranian invasion and the American liquidatory plan".

In Kuwait the popular organ-

isations organised a week in solidarity with the people of Oman and the Arabian Gulf. The programmes were full of activity and other deliberations which popularise the struggle of our people against the Iranian invasion and the imperialist-reactionary plotting and treason of the puppet regime in Muscat as well as the collusion of the reactionary rulers in the area.

stituted a strong force confronting the greed of imperialists and for supporting the militant peoples in the world and realising freedom, progress and peace in it.

The conflict between imperialism and its stooges in one hand and socialism and the forces of progress and peace on the other will remain existing and no just and genuine peace can be realised except with the eradication of imperialism.

The peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America were always subject to the conspiracies and crimes of imperialism and its filthy means due to the vast wealths these three continents hold which are attracting the imperialists. These peoples fought and still fight for their freedom and complete control over their plentifulness and wealths and for building societies on which the flags of peace and progress and freedom are hoisted.

The Socialist and progressive countries and the forces of peace have been supporting these people and extending material and morale backing for them.

The establishment of Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organisation and its national branches by the Socialist and progressive countries constitutes a great gain and wonderful victory for the militant peoples in these two continents. It is at the same lively crystallising that internationalist solidarity between the peoples of the world their socialist and progressive states on one hand the forces fighting for freedom and justice and peace, on the other hand. The consolidation of the Afro-Asian Solidarity Council, escalation of its struggles and strengthening of its internal unity are part of the stressing and vital questions but part of the basic tasks of the peoples of the Afro-Asian countries and their progressive forces.

The convention of the eleventh council of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organisation in Baghdad during (24th and 27th March, 1974) is an important event to which the peoples of these two continents and all forces of progress, socialism and peace attach great hopes.

We can summarise the evidences of the importance of the convention of this session as follows:-

1) The convention of this session comes at a time in which the forces of imperialism and reaction and Zionism unite against the Arab nation. This unity is represented in the following:-

a) The plans of world imperialism headed by American imperialism to liquidate the Palestinian issue to ensure the acceptance the Arab homeland as a whole under imperialists

and reactionaries hegemony.

b) Increase and intensification of the conspiracies of American imperialism and its reactionary stooges in Oman and the Arabian Gulf, Teheran and Riyadh for the continuation of its control over the vast oil wealths in Oman and the Arabian Gulf. These conspiracies are crystallised in the Iranian invasion and interference in Oman and the aggressions on Iraq as well as the encroachments against Democratic Yemen.

2) Selection of Baghdad as a site for the convention of this session and the holding of rallies in solidarity with the national democratic liberation movement in Oman and the Arabian Gulf is a great significance. No doubt this selection is correct and proper and is attributed to what the progressive regime in Iraq represents in its local, Arab and international combative stands

3) The convention of the 11th session of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organisation comes at a time in which our people Oman and the Arabian Gulf are subject to an Iranian reactionary invasion aiming at occupying our country and enslaving and oppressing our people.

The peace for which our people fight, is a victim of the American military machine and the Iranian militarism.

The understandings of freedom and stability which are desired by our masses in Oman and the Arabian Gulf have today interpreted by American imperialists, the Iranian reactionaries and their puppet Qaboo as the confiscation of our peoples' rights, the slaughtering of thousands of citizens, the plundering of our wealth and the occupation of our land.

The Shah of Iran ignores all international laws and rules and deprives our people of the simple human rights. He is challenging all the noble objectives of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity organisation and credits no attention to the world public opinion.

Our people are fully confident that the resolutions and recommendations that will be taken by the Council of the Solidarity Organisation in its present session will be positive and form an incentive for it in its just struggle and an incentive for the peoples of the two continents in their struggle as this conforms completely with the noble objectives and principles for which the organisation was created.

Peace in the shadow of foreign occupation and invasion is a tricky and false peace and for realising just and genuine and permanent peace, we must fight to expel foreign occupation and invasion from our homeland.

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ces to adopt a sincere stand with their principles in the face of the foreign invasion of our territories and in the face of the human and savage methods exercised by the Shah against the masses of our land and to strongly condemn such interference which contravenes with all international laws and rules.

Finally the Shah of Iran has to realise one fact. This is that our Oman territory was always a graveyard for the Iranian invaders and today it will definitely be a graveyard for the new invaders.

In conclusion Comrade Mohamed bin Abdillah extended thanks and admiration to Democratic Yemen, people and leadership, for backing up the revolution of our people. He also thanked Iraq and all Arab and world progressive forces for supporting the struggle of our people.

Comrade Salem Robaya Ali, Assistant Secretary General of National Front, also delivered a speech on behalf of the Organisation and State in Democratic Yemen. In this speech he welcomed the sister Iraqi delegation which is visiting Democratic Yemen and which is headed by Comrade Shibly al-Issami.

Comrade Robaya stressed upon the necessity of consolidating relations between the two progressive regimes in Iraq and Democratic Yemen. He also stressed upon the necessity of the unity of the revolutionary forces in Yemen, Iraq and Oman as well as the Gulf for confronting the conspiracies being woven by imperialism and for defeating the fierce reactionary attack being faced by this area and resembled in the Iranian invasion of Oman and the aggressions on Iraq as well as encroachments with Democratic Yemen. Comrade Robaya also affirmed the backing and support of Democratic Yemen for the struggle of our people in Oman and the Arabian Gulf and the brotherly people of Iraq. He also affirmed Democratic Yemen's support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation and regarded it as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

Comrade Abdel Faatah al-Yassin, member of the Regional leadership of the Arab Baath Socialist Party in Iraq also delivered a speech. At the start of the speech he addressed his thanks and admiration to the Yemeni masses for their stands in solidarity with the struggles of the peoples in the world and the solidarity of these masses with the masses of the Iraqi people.

He also reviewed the imperialist plans against the Arab homeland, beginning with the projects for submissive settlement in the Palestinian area and the Iranian reactionary attack resembled in the invasion of Oman and ending with

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the aggressions on Iraq. He then stressed upon the necessity of observing precautions by the Arab revolutionary forces towards such conspiracies and to work for the establishment of the progressive national front all over the Arab homeland in order to expel the conspiracies of the imperialists and reactionaries.

The crowded masses were chanting revolutionary slogans expressing solidarity with the groups of the Arab and world national liberation movements.

The Iraqi party and government delegation headed by Comrade Shibly al-Issami left Aden at ten thirty last Friday morning after a visit to Democratic Yemen which lasted five days.

Comrade Salem Bukair, Secretary of the Union of Democratic Yemeni Youth opened the rally with a speech on behalf of the mass organisations in which he stressed upon the extension of backing by the masses of Democratic Yemen for the masses of our people in confronting aggressions on their Iranian aggressions on their brotherly Iraqi people for confronting and repelling the Iranian and aggressions on their territories.

Military Report (Cont 1)

1) Our revolutionary carried sixteen operations ranging from artillery shelling to clashes with different weapons in all areas of the region.

2) One snipping operation and two mining operations in the Red Line.

During these operations the enemy lost the following:-

a) Enemy losses in life were estimated at sixty between killed and wounded including a British officer and local puppet. **The bodies of three enemy soldiers were captured.**

b) Destruction of two Bedford vehicles and a wireless set.

c) Destruction of 27 defensive positions of the enemy including two machine-gun posts.

Our Losses were:-

As a result of the violent operations by our brave revolutionaries, the enemy resorted to the use of the air force and heavy artillery to comb the liberated areas indiscriminately. This resulted in the following:-

a) Martyrdom of comrade Sami Abu Khaled and Fatimah Saed Dublan

b) Martyrdom of citizen Fatimah Masood Zaidi.

In the battle field fierce battles waged with the enemy forces, six of our brave comrades were martyred. They were:-

1) Comrade Salem Musgalam, 2) Comrade Mohammad Hassan Hattabi, 3) Comrade Salem Issa Ahmed, 4) Comrade Ahmed Ali Salman, 5) Comrade Ahmed Ali Khashaa, 6) Comrade Salem Mussalam Tamman.

BROAD LABOUR STRIKES GO ON IN BAHRAIN

The government of the bargainers and the agents of the capital its protests through its Justic Minister who says: "I challenge whoever says that the government neglected the rights of the workers."

No one can punish Justice Minister as the last cares for justice and last he comes to know. It is a problem of the workers because he is busy with other things needless to mention now.

The deeper goes the independence of Bahrain, the exploitation of the Bahraini workers increases and the companies squeezing these workers to the bones increase and so the expatriate workers who chase the living bread of the Bahrain workers. The philosophy of the bargainers government increased also on wisdom and not to give full swing to the sentiments of the workers.

During the past weeks several strikes took place. It is the great March in which the workers renew - through the memory of tens of martyrs and dismissed - their will and determination to wrest their demands.

From the post strike to the strike of the contractors workers (Awalco) to the Ship Slipway Company and forthcoming strikes. Nothing was changed as regards the workers as independence cost him much at a time in which the sheikhs increase their palaces, the merchants their profits and the employers their oppression, suppression and repressive dismissal of the workers.

The government is the last to know because it wants to

solve the problem of the Bahraini workers with wisdom, to bring expatriate workers and to force the Bahraini workers to migrate. This is so under the shade of independence in which it boasts of safeguarding the Arabism of Bahrain, its progress and prosperity.

The problem of the Postal workers was existing since 1972. But the Ministry of Labour says that its relations are confined to the Private sector. It now discovered that it has no relations with the public sector. As to its interference in the strikes of the electricity workers in 1967 and 1968, the health workers and the postal workers and other utilities,

these were discarded by the new Labour Minister from the memory of his Ministry and thought that the others will also discard them. The issue of the Awalco workers is the issue of all contracting workers. This great sector workers, which is being played by the contractors, the companies and the Ministries of Labour and Justice do not find the place to resort to for solving its problem other than self-dependence and the staging of strikes to impose their demands.

This sector is deprived of the simplest rights, as the contractor dismiss every worker before completing one year and reinstates him after days. The

worker remains all his age a daily worker even if he is in the technical line. As to transport, health securities and social security these do not exist.

The disguise of the companies towards the workers reached the extent after ascertaining the government stand by the side of the companies, that "Rubian" company dismissed the two workers Ahmed Abdul Hassan and Gassem Mohammad Buhailah for merely contacting the representative of the Labour Committee. (This is only a mere example for tens of workers who are dismissed on grounds and on no grounds.)

ARAB-AFRICAN WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM:

Resolutions In Support Of Our People's Just Struggle

The Arab-African Women's Symposium was held in Algeria during the period 4th to 9th March, 1974 under an invitation from the Women's International Democratic Confederation and the UNESCO, and hospitality of the National Federation of Algerian Women for discussing the Anti-litteracy programme of the Arab-African women and for laying down the programmes and bases for adult education. A woman delegation from the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf took part in the symposium in response to an official invitation addressed to the front. This delegation shared effectively and positively in the deliberations of the symposium and enriched with its opinions and proposals the discussions which took place in the symposium and particularly in connection with the experiment of the national liberation movements.

The cause of our people and the struggle of the woman in Oman and the Arabian Gulf secured the attention of the

delegation managed to explain our just issue and in turn understood the activities of the women's federations in the Arab countries and the African continent. The attention of the Arab, African and world women towards the cause of our people and their just struggle was confirmed in the following:-

1) The Liberation Movements Committee came out with the following resolutions:-

A) Effective support and backing for the struggle of the people of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and in particular female militants who secured the admiration of all women of the world;

B) Condemnation of the Iranian invasion on the liberated area of Oman and condemnation of the occupation of the three (Omani) Arab islands in the Arabian Gulf.

2) A huge ceremony was held on Friday 8th March on the occasion of the (World Women's Day). The ceremony was attended by all members of the diplomatic missions represented

in Algeria in the presence of a number of officials in the Algerian liberation front party and members of the delegations taking part in the symposium. A number of speeches were delivered at the ceremony including a speech on behalf of the Women's International Democratic Confederation, and the Federation of Arab Women. These speeches reaffirmed complete support and backing for our just struggle in Oman and condemnation of the Iranian invasion of our liberated areas.

3) During the individual meetings held between the People's Front delegation and the delegations taking part in the symposium, the majority of the delegations affirmed their support backing for the just cause of our people and the struggle of the woman in our country.

MORE EXPLOITATION

A decree was recently issued by Qaboos providing for the exemption of the oil companies importing oil for local consumers from customs. The reactionary regime signified this decree as a decree aiming at protecting the citizen from the exploitation of these companies. But, in fact, this decree came in the first place to protect these companies and to guarantee their obtaining huge profits since all reports indicate that although the oil-producing countries have raised the prices of their oil, yet, the oil companies can keep the prices as they are without having that effecting the rate of profits. It was within the ability of Qaboos to issue a new decree imposing the new rate for the gallon after keeping the new decree in validity.

CENTO manoeuvres In Arabian Gulf Waters

The CENTO Pact forces are expected to stage this month the biggest military manoeuvres in the waters of the Arabian Gulf in which American fleet from Vietnam arrived in the waters of the Arabian Gulf in the beginning of this month and the command vessel entered Abu Dhabi port where the commander of the vessel held a press conference abroad the vessel in which he announced that American-British-Iranian manoeuvres will be staged. The

time and date of these manoeuvres was not defined in time nor the size of the manoeuvres was given.

These manoeuvres are expected to be code-named as (The Black Eagle) and more than fifty vessels from the three countries are expected to take part in them. These manoeuvres will be the biggest to be seen by the Arabian Gulf area. Up to now there was no information about the date of these manoeuvres.

Libyan 'Arab Unity' Hails Our Revolution

TRIPOLI: Mohammad Saeed, Editor-in-Chief of El-Whida El Arabia (Arab Unity) magazine, which is published in the Libyan Arab Republic, said: "The revolutionaries of Oman are fighting for freedom of the Arab world." This came in his summary of the outcome that was brought out by the editor-in-chief of El-Whida El-Arabia after the visit he made to the liberated areas last year. The report was quoted by the Agence France Presse from Beirut.

The Agence France Presse commented on that by saying: "All facts make observers believe that Libya has changed its policy towards armed revolution of Oman and Arabian Gulf and more confirms its attitude in support of the revolutionaries of the PFLAG."

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